



National Monthly Bison Report

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For the Month of: **Apr**

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*****Please Note Report Enhancements: Total Submitted Volume (Wholesale), Kidneys (Wholesale), The Monthly Bison Auction Summary ***** For the month of April, total submitted wholesale volume was 943,830 lbs. Compared to March, prices of Wholesale Cuts were lower on steady to higher volume. Prices of Wholesale Trim and Grind were mostly higher with higher volume compared to March. Live Canadian imports for April (4 wks) were 53 percent lower and FIS Actual Slaughter was 34 percent lower than March (4 wks).

Livestock Slaughter		Canadian Live Imports						Livestock		
Actual Slaughter Numbers in Federally Inspected Plants *		Canadian Live Imports to U.S.						Weaned Calves *		
<u>Weekending</u>	<u>Head Count</u>	<u>Feeder</u>		<u>Slaughter</u>		<u>Breeding/Genetic</u>		<u>Bulls</u>	<u>Bulls</u>	
		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>under 400 lbs</u>	<u>over 400 lbs</u>	
4/5/2025	1170	184	244	48	123	0	0	2024	3272	3176
4/12/2025	1242	0	0	0	0	0	7	2023	4106	3424
4/19/2025	1207	49	19	214	128	0	0	2022	3629	4705
4/26/2025	1014	0	0	91	201	1	0		<u>Heifers</u>	<u>Heifers</u>
								<u>under 400 lbs</u>	<u>over 400 lbs</u>	
Monthly Total	4633	233	263	353	452	1	7	2024	3586	2535
YTD:	22017	3127	2942	2701	3365	58	96	2023	4270	3183
* not necessarily inspected		Source: USDA, APHIS						2022	4491	3597

Bison Carcasses

Grain Fed

FOB Plant - (\$/CWT)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Carc. Wt.</u>	<u>Price Range</u>		<u>Weighted Avg</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Young Bulls*	1122	635	473.00	– 489.00	486.49	486.95	425.80
Young Heifers*	1218	539	450.00	– 465.00	463.24	463.92	399.32
Aged Bulls *	8	1031	360.00	– 370.00	365.00	0.00	0.00
Aged Cows *		505	0.00	– 0.00		0.00	329.11
Total	2,348						

* Animals under the age of 30 months are classified as young, while animals older than 30 months are considered part of the aged classification.

Bison Cuts					
Grain Fed					
Wholesale - (\$/CWT)					
<u>Cut/Primal</u>	<u>lbs</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Avg</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Total Submitted Volume (lbs)	943,830			865,925	
<u>Chuck</u>					
Chuckroll, Fresh/Frozen	23804	625.00 - 1060.00	848.26	827.99	720.65
<u>Rib/Loin</u>					
Ribeye Lip-on, Fresh/Frozen	25975	1463.00 - 2350.00	1860.53	1829.35	1563.14
<u>Loin</u>					
Strip Loin, Fresh/Frozen	16180	1075.00 - 1693.00	1377.61	1390.25	1178.51
Top Sirloin, Fresh/Frozen	1577	876.00 - 1164.00	1042.03	1027.36	971.54
Tenderloin, Fresh/Frozen	17994	1900.00 - 3663.00	2549.37	2563.86	2479.89
<u>Round</u>					
Round Cuts Fresh/Frozen	19713	688.00 - 1141.00	860.11	913.15	753.13
<u>Trimmings/Ground</u>					
Trimmings 90%, Fresh/Frozen	61864	670.00 - 815.00	750.07	733.61	562.61
Trimmings 80%, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	128475	726.00 - 1041.00	781.92	773.59	766.49
<u>Patties</u>					
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh/Frozen					
Grnd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen	32864	600.00 - 1090.00	821.84	806.22	749.23
<u>Offal**</u>				<u>Previous Quarter</u>	<u>Q2 Prev Year</u>
Hearts, Fresh/Frozen				429.79	428.16
Kidneys, Fresh/Frozen				165.45	
Livers, Fresh/Frozen				156.84	199.32
Tongues, Fresh/Frozen				306.65	359.47
Case Ready - (\$/CWT)					
				<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Grnd 90% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen	534834	602.00 - 952.00	794.19	779.43	713.10
Grnd 80% Bulk, Fresh/Frozen				0.00	0.00
Grnd 90% Patties, Fresh/Frozen	17122	765.00 - 895.00	797.51	788.78	0.00
Grnd 80% Patties, Fresh/Frozen				0.00	0.00

Grass Fed

Direct to Consumer - (\$/LBS)

<u>Cut/Primal</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Avg</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
<u>Chuck</u>				
Chuck Roast	13.99 - 22.02	17.46	17.66	17.36
Flat Iron	21.50 - 21.50	21.50	21.50	0.00
Brisket	12.00 - 23.41	15.44	15.91	14.92
<u>Ribs</u>				
Ribeye Steaks	32.95 - 69.28	45.56	46.61	45.12
Prime Rib	30.95 - 54.62	42.79	42.78	49.65
Back Ribs	14.74 - 14.74	14.74	16.85	15.31
<u>Loin</u>				
T-Bones Steaks	34.72 - 34.72	34.72	34.56	0.00
Porterhouse Steaks			0.00	0.00
Tenderloin	42.00 - 91.66	64.99	65.24	73.95
Filet Mignon	43.89 - 109.28	70.43	74.90	73.28
New York Strip	30.61 - 56.88	42.39	42.46	41.79
<u>Round</u>				
Eye of Round Roast	21.55 - 21.55	21.55	21.59	19.63
Top Sirloin	24.64 - 45.76	34.65	34.59	34.08
Sirloin Tip	15.99 - 18.13	17.24	17.76	16.53
<u>Ground</u>				
Ground Bison (Bulk Lean)	9.99 - 20.64	14.90	14.90	16.05
Ground Bison (Patties)	12.00 - 21.39	17.52	17.52	17.46
<u>Other/Misc.</u>				
Flank Steak	17.27 - 40.00	26.52	22.70	22.12
Skirt Steak	15.00 - 40.00	23.82	24.57	30.82
Stew Meat	13.00 - 25.49	18.83	18.83	18.79
Jerky	56.57 - 66.36	61.47	62.34	58.44
Hot Dogs	15.95 - 24.15	20.05	20.05	18.95
<u>Offal</u>				
Hearts	8.00 - 32.68	18.67	22.67	27.85
Livers	6.00 - 27.84	16.76	16.76	22.87
Tongues	5.14 - 18.52	10.04	10.05	9.54

Bison Meat Imports/Exports

Canada - Imports

	<u>Mar-2025</u>	<u>Mar-2024</u>	<u>Apr-2024</u>	<u>YTD - 2025</u>	<u>YTD - 2024</u>
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	3,307	880	1,764	39,683	4,848
Bone-in Fresh Chilled (lbs)	32,628	78,044	74,516	234,131	155,426

Mexico - Exports

	<u>Mar-2025</u>	<u>Mar-2024</u>	<u>Apr-2024</u>	<u>YTD - 2025</u>	<u>YTD - 2024</u>
Boneless Fresh Chilled (lbs)	474,214	238,099	400,139	635,592	353,621

Data Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

Live Bison

Monthly Bison Auction Summary

Total Monthly Receipts of Reported Auctions: 122

Combined summary report for the month of April including 2 auction. Noted origins of bison sold include: OK, IA, MO.

Please note: Weights are not provided for all animals sold and are therefore not a component of the report. Average weights for the sample of animals with provided weights are as follows: **Calves** (Bulls-366 lbs, Heifers - 340 lbs), **2YO** (Bulls - 563 lbs, Heifers - 490 lbs), **Mature** (Bulls - 1120 lbs).

<u>Class</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Price Range (\$/HD)</u>		<u>Weighted Avg</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
Calves	Bull	34	1100.00	– 2050.00	1516.18	1866.67	
	Heifer	34	600.00	– 1600.00	949.26	1489.39	
Yearlings	Bull	0				0.00	
	Heifer	0				0.00	
2 YO	Bull	11	1650.00	– 2400.00	1986.36	2533.33	
	Heifer	21	800.00	– 1900.00	1304.76	1800.00	
Mature	Bull	4	2400.00	– 4200.00	3350.00	4541.67	
	Cow	0				0.00	
Bred	Heifer	0				0.00	
	Cow	0				0.00	
Pairs (\$/Pair)	Cow/Calf	0				0.00	

Please Note: The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of bison offered for sale via auction. There may be instances some auctions or animals are not included.

Explanatory Notes:

*Weaned Calves - Headcounts collected on a yearly basis, usually during the Spring.

**Wholesale Offal - Prices reported on a quarterly basis. (April, July, October, January). Not included in Total Submitted Volume.

Bison Meat Imports/Exports - Represents the most current data available.

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